

The Testator In Presence of
Richard Whitaker Jur. Just
John ^{his} ~~#~~ ^{mark} Phillips Jur.
Solah ^{his} ~~#~~ ^{mark} Waller Jur.

Halifax County Feb. 2nd February Court 1786 Then this Will
was Exhibited in Open Court and Duly proved by the
Oath of Richard Whitaker Jur. M. Phillips & Solah Waller
The Subscribers Witnesses there to Th^o Whitaker the Executor
named in said Will Refusing to Qualify as Ex^r
to the same Administration is therefore granted by to
Bacham Fanns & with this Will annex'd who Entered into
Bond & and qualified &c. Jm. M^r Wootten C^l

In the Name God Amen. I William Edmonds of Halifax County and
Province of North Carolina Being weak of Body but of perfect mind and
memory Plead be God but Cautious to mind the Uncertainty of life and
well knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die Think it
 requisite to make some necessary disposition as to my Temporal affairs

Wm Edmonds & Co. Sec

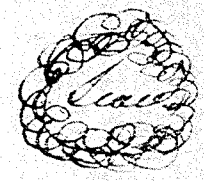
and in Order thereto shall proceed in manner and form following, In
the first place I recommend my Soul to Almighty God who give it and my body to
the Earth to Decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named
and as Touching what worldly Goods it hath pleased God to Endow me with I
Dispose of as follows to Wit - Item I lend unto my Wife Elizabeth Edmonds
Three Hundred acres of Land more or less to include the plantation whereon
I now live During her Widowhood & Boundaries as follows, Beginning at a black
Jack near the head of Jerusalem Branch then Cross the Branch to Powers
line then along his line to his Corner in my line then my line South to -
Davis's line then West along his line to ^{and ask the S^r} ~~his line to his Corner~~
then West his line to Rocky Swamp then up the said Swamp to the mouth
of the Spring Branch then up the said Branch to the head then to
the Beginning. I also lend unto my said Wife the use of all my -
house hold Furniture untill my first Child arrive to age or marry
and then I will and Desire that all and every part of my said
House hold Furniture be Equally Divided Between my sd Wife
and all my Children, Share and Share alike - Item unto my
Beloved Wife Elizabeth Edmonds my Rising Chair and harness
to her her heirs and assigns for ever - Item I give unto my
Son Charles Edmond the following Tract of Land

to her her heirs and assigns for ever - Item I give unto my
son Charles Edmond the following Tract of land containing
about Seven Hundred Acres and beginning at a pine in the
Purmon Branch and in Powers line being a fore & aft tree
then running up the various courses of said Branch to W. Jack
near the head of S. Branch then a straight line a Anthony & Oak in
my line near the Corn field fence the course is near N.W. I say
the land on the North & East side of the said Branch and line
to him his heirs and assigns for ever - Item I give unto my
son Benjamin Edmond the land and plantation where on I now
live and all the land I am know possessed of except what is
already given away I say to him his heirs and assigns for ever
Item I give unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth Edmond one sixth part of
all my Negro Slaves and that there be no division untill my said wife
or some one of my children marry, or any of my children arrive at
age and then to divide all my Slaves between me & Wife and my
two children share and share alike I do also leave it in my Wife
Power to leave her Division of said Negroes to any of my children

I do hereby choose — That I give unto Beloved wife Elizabeth Edmonds and
my Five Children all the Stock of Cattle, Sheep & Hogs with every other
part of my Estate not all Ready given to be Equally divided amongst —
them Share and Share alike, I say to them their Heirs and Assigns forever
I do hereby Nominate and Appoint the Following Persons (Viz) ^{Wm. Williams} ^{Elizabeth Edmonds}
— William Gabriel Long Jesse Reed Obediah James Skinner & Beloved
Wife Elizabeth Edmonds Executors of this my Last Will and Testament
and hereby revoke (Rescind) and make void all other Wills legacies and
Bequests by me formerly made or may be produced by any other Person
or Persons Whatsoever Excepting these Presents Witness my hand and Seal
this Twenty Second day of December 1783 —

Signed Sealed Pronounced & Delivered
by the said Wm. Edmonds to be his last will
and Testament in presence of us —

William Edmonds

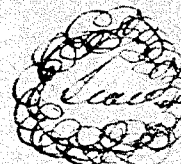


John ^{his} ~~Beaver~~ ^{Beaver} ~~Beaver~~
Jesse ^{mark} ~~Beaver~~ ^{Beaver}
Mary ^{mark} ~~Beaver~~ ^{Beaver}

Wm. Williams & Elizabeth Edmonds qualify

Attest: ¹⁷⁸⁶ Then this Will was Exhibited

This Twenty Second day of December 1783 -
 Signed Sealed Pronounced & Delivered
 by the said Mr. Edmonds to be his last will
 and Testament in presence of the

William Edmonds 

John ^{his} Powers Junr
 Joseph ^{mark} Powers
 Henry ^{mark} Powers

Joseph Williams & Elizabeth Edmonds qualified

Before us at St. February Court 1786 Then this Will was Exhibited
 in open Court and Read, Proved by the oath of John Powers one
 of the Jurors who said that he as his Cath. Oath did say that he
 saw the Testator Sign Seal and Publish and declare the same
 to be his last Will and Testament and also that he believed him
 to be then of sound mind and disposing memory and that he saw
 the Powers of Henry Powers subscribe themselves as Witnesses thereto
 Whereupon Joseph John Williams & Elizabeth Edmonds qualified as
 Executors thereto and on motion ordered to be Recorded
 Attest Wm. Norton Secy

Handwritten note: I have signed this Will

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Captain of